

Moran, Kansas Members Support Investigation into FEMA Flood Maps

Request GAO Review Methods Used to Upgrade Finney County Floodplain Map

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GARDEN CITY - Congressman Jerry Moran, along with Republican members of the Kansas delegation, recently requested an investigation into the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) flood map upgrading methods under its Flood Map Modernization Initiative (FMMI). Moran and Kansas members notified U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) Acting Comptroller General Gene Dodaro that flawed methods may have been utilized during the FMMI to modify the floodplain map for Finney County and other Kansas counties.

"FEMA's map revisions have the potential to drop property values and reduce household income through flood insurance premiums," Moran said. "Protecting Kansans and businesses in flood-prone areas is always a priority for our state. However, inaccurate flood maps will fail our communities, such as Garden City, that have for 100 years grown responsibly around designated floodplain areas. I am pleased that the GAO has accepted our request to review the methods for upgrading flood maps. It is FEMA's responsibility to provide consistent analysis of collected data. This GAO investigation will go a long way to ensure that this happens."

Moran and Republican Kansas Congressional members recently sent a letter to GAO to support the request of Senators Chuck Schumer (D-NY) and Jeff Bingaman (D-NM) to investigate FEMA's methodology and policies for upgrading their flood maps. The GAO will investigate the national Digital Flood Insurance Rate Map program as implemented under the

FMML.

Senator Sam Brownback, Senator Pat Roberts, Congressman Jerry Moran, Congressman Lynn Jenkins and Congressman Todd Tiahrt sent the letter to GAO. [Click here](#) to view the member's letter to GAO.

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